

may, therefore, lie pending for approval at any of these various levels. The Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide their O.M. dated 17.2.1997, imposed a ban on cadre reviews until the various recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission were considered and decisions taken thereon. This ban was lifted on 7.1.1999. The Cadre Controlling Authorities would have begun work on formulation of cadre review proposals only after lifting of the ban.

At present, there are two cadre review proposals lying pending in the Department of Personnel and Training:

- (i) Indian Telecommunications Service; and
- (ii) Indian P&T Building Works Service.

These are under active consideration and have been pending because of the volatile position of the two services in the wake of corporatisation of telecom services and allocation/transfer of members of the services between the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. and Government of India.

Both the cadres were earlier reviewed in 1988.

Cadre Strength of IAS

4506. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the authorised cadre strength of the Indian Administrative Service has registered a staggering growth of more than 65 per cent from 1971 to 2001;
- (b) whether the number of officers in position also matches the authorised cadre strength;
- (c) whether the present IAS cadre strength is oversized in relation to actual requirement; and
- (d) if so, whether Government would freeze the process of annual intake for at least three years from now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The authorised strength of the IAS as on 1.1.1971 was 3203 and as on 1.1.2001, the authorised strength was 5159. Hence, there has been an increase of about 61% in the authorised strength of the Service between 1971 and 2001.

(b) As against the authorised strength of 5159, the number of IAS officers in position, as on 20.4.2001 was 5057.

(c) The strength of the IAS is determined on the basis of the administrative and functional requirements as projected by the State Government, normally at the time of quinquennial cadre reviews.

(d) There is no proposal before Government to freeze the annual intake into the IAS for the next three years.

Rate of conviction in CBI cases

4507. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conviction rate in cases handled by CBI is on decline;

(b) whether this is due to lack of competence of investigating officers handling cases of economic offences;

(c) whether there are more than 3500 cases pending for trial for more than four years handled by CBI;

(d) whether CBI primarily equipped to handle traditional penal offences, is being overburdened with cases of economic offences in which it has no updated expertise (like Cyber crimes or Stock Market manipulations etc.); and

(e) whether Government would consider setting up of a separate wing of Central Bureau of Investigation for Economic Offences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) According to the information made available by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the conviction rate of CBI cases during the last five years